

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 1. This sheet replaces the original sheet including FIG. 1. The amendment changes German
5 language text to English.

REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes in the specification, which includes the Abstract, in order to ensure the specification conforms to the requirements of United States patent practice. No new matter is added by this Amendment. Included also is a Substitute Specification along with a marked-up version of the changes made by the present amendment.

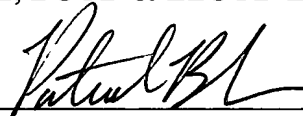
In addition, the present amendment cancels original claims 1-13 in favor of new claims 14-28. Claims 14-28 have been presented solely because the revisions by red-lining and underlining that would have been necessary in claims 1-13 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States patent practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The present amendment is intended for clarification purposes only and not for substantial reasons related to patentability pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. The cancellation of claims 1-13 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-13.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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